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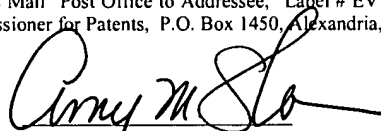
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U.S. Patent Documents

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,577,092 to Kublak et al., issued November 19, 1996;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,391,879 to Tran et al., issued February 21, 1995;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,044,001 to Chia-Gee Wang, issued August 27, 1991; and,
4. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/006214 A1 to Boerner et al, published on July 5, 2001.

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